

COMMONWEALTH

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GEO. M. CARR, - - EDITOR.

ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE AT SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER.

WE DESIRE A CORRESPONDENT IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR COUNTRY, AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ANY ONE DISPOSED TO FAVOR US.

A verdict of manslaughter was rendered in the trial of Daniel Frayley, the alleged moonshiner, for the murder of the revenue officer, H. T. Walker in Stanley county on the 8th of last February. He was sentenced to twelve years in the Penitentiary.

Let the tax to support the government be levied upon the luxuries, such as tobacco, cigars snuff and all kinds of liquors. No man living is compelled to use these articles, but every man must have clothes and victuals. Then tax the rich man's luxuries and let the poor man have his necessities free.

NORTH CAROLINA'S splendid Exhibit at Boston has given her a 'boom' at the North. Even that blatant and foul-mouthed radical organ the Chicago "Inter Ocean" pays homage to the vast resources of our grand old Commonwealth after the following style:

"North Carolina seems to be rousing from her Rip Van Winkle sleep. A State of wonderful resources and a glorious climate, it will be only because her people are too lazy to take advantage of their opportunities if she does not have a boom in the near future."

New York and the Presidential Election.

The success of the Democratic party in the presidential contest next year depends in a great measure upon the result of the coming election in New York. Or in other words if New York should reverse her Democratic majority of 1883 and fall into the hands of the Republicans, there would be but little prospect of success for the Democracy in the national election. But there is but little danger of such a disaster. The masses in the State of New York are not likely to lend their suffrage to a party which they know to be the upholder of monopolies and the hired agent of wealthy corporations.

That foul-mouthed radical organ—the "Wilmington Post," in a scathing article against the "Star" and its views gives vent to the following which bears the lie on its face: "There is no doubt that the crimes committed in North and South Carolina alone excelled those committed in the Northern States." Just such false reports as this from mean and designing men at the South is what causes the North to vilify the South to so great an extent.

Read what an able exchange says: "Three negro murderers were executed at Chatham, Va., on Friday. This is more than have been hanged in Chicago in two years where there have been more than twenty murders, or New York City, where there have been probably a great many more. And yet Northern papers have the hardihood to tell their readers that the North does more hanging than the South does in proportion to murders. The statistics, if accurately kept, we have no doubt, would be altogether favorable to the South, and probably in proportion of ten to one.

Confederate Home Fund.

That charitable and worthy movement, the confederate home fund inaugurated by an Edgecombe gentleman a few weeks since, at last report had a subscription of \$1,615.00. The idea seemed to have taken a deep hold on the people and we are of the opinion that the movement will be a success. There are numbers of men in North Carolina that can contribute \$100 to this end and never miss it. Surely the poor disabled exconfederate soldier who fought for the rights of his home and friends and suffered the hardships of cruel fate from honest convictions is worthy of a home where he can live in peace and ease during the remainder of this life. On this subject our esteemed contemporary—"The Leaksville Gazette"—has this to say:

"It seems to us that each State owes it as a debt of patriotic gratitude that some provision should be made to care for those who have no protection from hunger and suffering, after having sacrificed health and fortune upon their country's altar. Is it not something on the order of a burlesque when we gush over the graves of our dead heroes in the Spring, after having permitted our poor, afflicted and starving living heroes to suffer unnoticed and uncared for all the misery of wind, and cold and penury throughout a drear and cheerless winter?"

Hon. A. S. Merrimon becomes Judge Ruffin's Successor.

Upon whom will the judicial mantle of the competent and upright Ruffin fall? has been the general query the whole State over for the past fifteen days, and it is now answered by the appointment of Hon. A. S. Merrimon. No doubt this appointment will meet with the warm approval of a majority of the people of our State. Judge Merrimon has held several honored positions and public trusts, and his characteristics and qualities are well known by the people of his native State. In the words of the "News and Observer" "his purity of life, singleness of purpose and great abilities have long been recognized. To a logical mind, well trained and enlarged by continued study, he unites a clear apprehension and a profound knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and a thorough acquaintance with the present State of the law; and his habits of industry, his capacity to labor and his zeal in doing well whatever he undertakes render him peculiarly fitted for the position to which he has been appointed. His selection for this place is so appropriate that it seems public opinion had early settled upon him as the probable successor of Judge Ruffin. Indeed, as soon as the vacancy occurred, Gov. Robinson determined on making this appointment if Gov. Jarvis should not return in time to act in the matter: and as soon as Gov. Jarvis heard by telegram, of Judge Ruffin's resignation he, likewise, determined on tendering the positions to Judge Merrimon. On a conference yesterday morning it came out that both Gov. Jarvis and Gov. Robinson had from the first thought of this eminent citizen in this connection."

We simply add that the selection is one that will fill the high position with honor to himself and his people.

A Convention of Smart Negroes in Louisville.

The address issues by the colored convention held at Louisville a week or two ago, which was composed of what may be called leaders in the colored race, shows a disposition on the part of their representative men to keep up the agitation to obliterate the color line in the political, civil and social life. In one clause they complain of inn keepers and common carrier companies cheating them out of Civil Rights. Now when the negro attempts to thrust himself into white society there will be trouble in the land. The white citizens of the South guarantee to the negro every right due him; they are the best friends the negro has, and when that delegation at Louisville said "that many of the laws intended to secure to us our rights as citizens, are nothing more than dead letters" they knew that they were issuing a falsehood. On this subject the Charlotte "Journal and Observer" very aptly remarks:

While filling this bill of grievances the authors would have done well to remember that the colored people are themselves to a great extent the arbiters of their own destiny, and that they have it in their own power to very much improve their condition. A majority of them are thrifflers, spend all they earn and have no eye or care for the future. They live for to-day and let to-morrow take care of itself, accumulate nothing and are always in a dependent condition. There are exceptions, of course. Some of them do save their earnings, invest in property and become the owners of their own homes. With all the cry about the discrimination against the negro in the Southern States there is not one of them in which he has not as fair play and as good an opportunity to work out his destiny as any Northern State presents, and even better, for here there is a disposition to help those who are deserving and show a disposition to help themselves. There is no Southern State in which they cannot buy land at small prices and on easy terms. But they cannot do this if they squander their earnings and work only when necessity compels them to work. It would be a good thing for the colored race if they could forget that there was such a thing as politics, from which they have gained nothing, and give their attention to work, earn money, save it, buy homes. They are more interested in that than in some of the questions which that convention submitted to the American people.

An Instance of Negro Superstition.

As a matter of curiosity we publish the following letter which is alleged by a certain superstitious class to have been written by Jesus himself and found under a great stone at the foot of the cross. So firmly do a great many of the negroes of this community believe in its reality that last week we had an order from a colored school teacher to print 1000 copies of same for distribution. By that means we got the copy before you:

WHOSOEVER worketh on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church, and keep

the Lord's Day holy, without doing any manner of work. You shall not idly spend your time for bedecking yourself with superfluity of costly apparel, in vain dresses, for I have ordained a day of rest: I will have that day kept holy that your sins be forgiven you. You shall not break my commandments but observe and keep them; write them in your hearts, and steadfastly observe that it was written with my own hand and spoken with my own mouth. You shall not only go into church yourself, but also your man-servants and maid-servants, observe my words and works, and learn my commandments, you shall finish your labor every Saturday in the afternoon, by six o'clock, at which hour is the preparation for the Sabbath. I advise you to fast four Fridays in every year, beginning with Good Friday, and continue the four Fridays immediately following, in remembrance of the five wounds which I received for all mankind. You shall diligently and peaceably labor in your respective callings, wherein it has pleased God to call you. You shall love one another with brotherly love, and cause them that are baptised to come to church and receive the Sacrament, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and be made members of the church, in so doing, I will give you long life, many blessings and your land will flourish, and your cattle bring forth in abundance. I will give unto you many blessings and comforts in the greatest temptation; and he that doeth to the contrary shall be unprofitable; I will also send hardness of heart upon them until I see them, but especially upon the impenitent and unbelievers. He that giveth to the poor shall not be unprofitable. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day, for the Sabbath day I have taken to rest myself. And he that hath a copy of this my own letter, written with my own hand and spoken by my own mouth, and keep it without publishing it to others shall not prosper; but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed of me, and though his sins be in number as the stars in the sky, and beliveth in this, he shall be pardoned; and if he believes not in this writing and this commandment, I will send my own plagues upon him, and consume both him and his children, and his cattle. And whosoever shall have a copy of this my letter written with my own hand, and kept in their houses, nothing shall hurt them; neither lightning, pestilence nor thunder shall do them any hurt. You shall not have any tidings of me, but by the holy scripture, until the day of judgment.

GENERAL NEWS.

Raleigh Visitor: Minors prospecting near Concord, N. C., discovered at the mouth of a long deserted shaft of a gold mine the skeleton of a woman. The clothing and shoes were still on the bones, and from the fine quality of the clothes and the presence of a diamond ring of some value, it is thought that the bones were those of some lady of position and means.

Wil. Star. The Eastern Baptist Association convenes at Bethlehem church Caintuck township, Pender county, on Tuesday next, the 9th of October. Receipts of cotton yesterday 710 bales. Capt. Paddison, from Point Caswell, reports an unprecedented state of high water in Black river. All the bridges are said to be either washed away or are under water.

Montgomery Star: Moses Hamilton col. struck Jack Huntley, white, with an axe at Beaver Dam, the other day and inflicted a dangerous, if not fatal wound. Hamilton was arrested and placed in jail at Monroe, to await the result of Huntley's injuries. Judge Gilmer is quite lucky (?) in getting into murder cases. Three in Charlotte, one at Concord, one at Stanley and one is awaiting him in our county. Most of the fodder in our county has been destroyed by the recent rains and cloudy weather.

Beaufort Telephone: We have in this town a colored man who is as much of a prodigy as the veritable "Blind Tom." His name is Zach Taylor, born in Carteret county, of parents who were slaves, is thirty-three years of age, never went to school in his life, and yet he can build a mill, repair a watch, tune a piano, or print a newspaper. The most remarkable gift he has, however, is the ability to repeat Scripture, which he can do for hours at a time without making a mistake. There isn't his equal in North Carolina or in the South, for that matter.

Daily Review. It is stated that John L. Sullivan, accompanied by such professional bruisers as Herbert A. Slade, the great Maori; Steve Taylor, the ex-champion middle weight, and Mike Gillespie, the Boston scientific sparrer, will give an exhibition of their skill and mauling power in this city some time during this week. They are to appear in Norfolk on the 3rd inst., and it is expected that thence they will come directly here. The troupe is under the management of Mr. Al. Smith, who organized a tour through the Western States to the Pacific coast for those noted pugilists, upon which they will start as soon as their short Southern tour is ended.

Clayton Bud: On Friday last, in Wilder's township, at R. D. Christman's mill, E. B. Christman, son of the former, was leaning on the circular saw while it was standing still, scraping the teeth with his knife, when the engine was started with full power. The saw caught good hold of his pants and started in a quick way to take his life, but with a presence of mind, he tore himself loose, and escaped without the scratch of a tooth, notwithstanding it tore his pants from the knee to hip. Persons cannot be too careful when working around saw-mills, when steam is on, and all assistants about running machinery should know the positions of each of their fellowmen, in order to prevent any injury. It was quite a narrow escape.

Wil. Star: Capt. R. P. Paddison, the contractor, informs us that the telegraph wires between Clinton and Warsaw were completed yesterday, and that the line is now in working order and ready for business. It is a first-class line in every respect. It will, doubtless, prove a great convenience to the business public. A colored man employed in the yard of the W. & W. and W. C. & A. Railroad, by the name of Carolina McKnight, got his right arm accidentally crushed Friday night. It seems that he was off duty and had been drinking, and that some time during the evening he laid himself down and went to sleep near a track, where, shortly afterwards, a passing engine ran over his arm, which had been thrown across the track, and crushed it. He was conveyed to the City Hospital, where the arm of the sufferer was subsequently amputated.

Charlotte Journal & Observer: News reached the city yesterday of a very destructive fire that occurred at 3 o'clock that morning on the plantation of Mr. T. M. Carr, who lives on the Beatties Ford road, three miles from the city. Mr. Carr lost his gin house and barn, together with three bales of cotton, a large quantity of hay, fodder and corn, and all his farming implements. None of his live stock were lost. How the fire originated is not known. When discovered at 3 o'clock, both buildings were in a blaze and the fire was under good headway. The supposition is that it originated in the gin house. Mr. Carr's loss will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Mrs. General Stonewall Jackson, with her daughter, Miss Julia, arrived in the city night before last from the White Sulphur Springs. They leave tomorrow for the home of Dr. Morrison, in Lincoln county.

Clinton Caucasian: Maj. Young has drawn a map of the sugar area of North Carolina. He has ascertained that the climate in this section is like that of Louisiana in summer, and that of Italy in winter. Mr. Wm. Brice of Rockfish township, Duplin county, has been making for several years, from 1,000 to 1,200 gallons of syrup per acre from ribbon cane, and last year Mr. R. M. Middleton, of Warsaw township, Duplin county, made at the rate of 2,250 pounds of sugar and 120 gallons of syrup per acre. Col. W. K. Pigford, the worthy President of the Sampson County Agricultural Society, is taking vigorous steps to make the next Fair a grand success. Many new and interesting features, to interest and amuse, will be added to the program. Let every one who has the interest of his county and the advancement of Agriculture at heart render all the aid he can to the Colonel. The ladies especially are requested to contribute of their handy work, etc.

Our farmers are in distress. The drought of July and August has been followed by a long continued wet spell. The cotton in many places is actually sprouting in the bolls.

Marshals for the Fair at Rocky Mount.

Josephus Daniels, of Wilson, Chief Marshal of the Rocky Mount Fair, has appointed the following assistants: A. H. Ricks, Battleboro; W. H. Griffin, Rocky Mount; Dr. H. B. Marriott, Battleboro; D. W. Thorp, Rocky Mount; W. N. Hadley, La Grange; Y. T. Ormond, Hookerton; H. W. Stubbs, Williamston; T. T. Cherry, Bethel; R. Z. Egerton, Louisville; W. M. Ward, Wilson; Geo. W. Barnes, Stanhope; C. L. Murphy, Snow Hill; Jas. W. Hines, Wilson; E. Cromwell, Jr., Tarboro. *Eastern papers please copy.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The STATE AND COUNTY TAXES for 1883 are now DUE and the list in my hands for collection. All tax payers are earnestly requested to settle their taxes as soon as possible and thereby save trouble and cost, as I am bound to collect.

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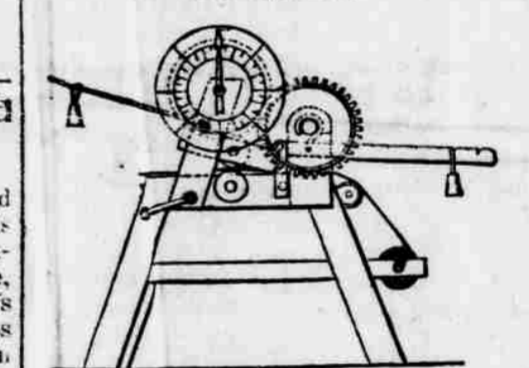
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